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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : Draft Minutes of the 26 June USIB Meeting

The attached draft minutes of the 26 June Intelligence Board meeting will be considered at the next regular Board meeting. A Special Annex to these minutes is being circulated through special channels.

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Minutes of
Two-hundred-seventy-sixth Meeting
United States Intelligence Board
USIB Conference Room
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1030 hours, 26 June 1963

Director of Central Intelligence
John A. McCone
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Huntington Sheldon, Acting Deputy Director (Intelligence), Central Intelligence Agency, acting for Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Mr. George C. Denney, Jr., Acting Director of Intelligence and Research, Department of State
Lieutenant General Joseph F. Carroll, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
Major General Alva R. Fitch, Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Rufus L. Taylor, Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Intelligence), Department of the Navy
Brigadier General P. D. Wynne, acting for Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, United States Air Force
Lieutenant General Gordon A. Blake, Director, National Security Agency
Colonel Walter S. Hammond, acting for Director for Intelligence, Joint Staff
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative to USIB
Mr. Alan H. Belmont, Federal Bureau of Investigation representative to USIB

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1. Welcome to Rear Admiral
Rufus L. Taylor, USN

On behalf of the members, the Chairman welcomed Rear Admiral Taylor as the new Navy member and congratulated the Admiral on his recent promotion.

Mr. McCone also introduced retired Ambassador [redacted] [redacted] who had recently joined the Board of National Estimates, and announced that Ambassador [redacted] would also join the BNE later this year.

2. Approval of Minutes
18 June Meeting
(USIB-M-275)

Approved as circulated.

3. Watch Committee Report
No. 670

Approved as amended.

4. Priority National Intelligence
Objectives (PNIOs)
(USIB-D-25.1/6, 13 June)

In view of the temporary absence of Mr. Cline, who was Chairman of the special committee which produced this study, the Chairman requested that Board consideration of USIB-D-25.1/6 be deferred pending Mr. Cline's return.

5. The Impact of Sino-Soviet
Dispute on North Vietnam
and Its Policies
(SNIE 14.3-63)

a. After discussion, USIB approved the subject estimate and the Post-Mortem as submitted.

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b. During discussion of the Post-Mortem, the Chairman urged members to take appropriate action in response to the request contained in paragraph 3 thereof.

c. No member raised objection to the release of this estimate to USIA.

6. Likelihood and Consequences
of a Proliferation of Nuclear
Weapons Systems
(NIE 4-63)

USIB approved NIE 4-63 as amended, subject to telephonic concurrence of additional paragraphs which are to be drafted by the Board of National Estimates.

7. France Under De Gaulle
(NIE 22-63)

a. After discussion of those paragraphs dealing with social changes in the French situation, the Board approved NIE 22-63 as amended.

b. No member raised objection to the release of this estimate to USIA.

RESTRICTED SESSION

8. USIB-D-41.15/8, 24 June 1963
(Limited distribution through
restricted channels)

(USIB action on this matter is carried in USIB-D-41.15/9, limited distribution through restricted channels.)

9. USIB-D-41.14/48, 19 June 1963
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restricted channels)

(Board action on this subject is carried in USIB-D-41.14/51, limited distribution through restricted channels.)

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chairman convened the Board in Executive Session at 1150, during which the following items were considered, in addition to a briefing by the Deputy Director (Plans), CIA, regarding certain Soviet espionage cases in foreign countries.

10. Procedure for Responding to
White House Memorandum
Regarding Certain United
States Foreign Intelligence
Objectives
(USIB-M-275, item 5)

a. Mr. McCone noted that the memorandum from Mr. McGeorge Bundy, dated 17 June (which was distributed at the 18 June meeting) called upon the Chairman of USIB to take the lead in preparing an integrated report, as well as including any specific recommendations by the heads of the several intelligence agencies. He proposed the creation of a steering committee to develop the required report. The Board discussed questions regarding the background of the Objectives, their relation to actions already being taken by the intelligence community, and alternative procedures for responding to the White House request.

b. Following discussion, the Board agreed on the following procedure, which is similar in many respects to the procedure adopted for the previous review of intelligence activities relating to the Cuban situation (USIB-M-244, Item 1).

(1) A steering committee, chaired by Mr. McCone with General Carter, General Carroll, Mr. Hughes and General Blake as members, will be established to supervise the development of an appropriate response and the preparation of the required report for consideration by USIB prior to 15 September.

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(2) The development of an appropriate response to each of the Objectives will be assigned to the following established community mechanisms:

(a) Objectives 1 and 2 - Watch Committee with appropriate military service participation.

(b) Objective 3 - Committee on Documentation.

(c) Objective 4 - Board of National Estimates and the USIB representatives, assisted as appropriate by a group of senior consultants being established under CIA auspices.

✓ (d) Objective 5 - The PNIO Review Committee for recommendation in connection with USIB consideration of its report (USIB-D-25.1/6).

(e) Objective 6 - Interagency Clandestine Collection Priorities Committee.

(3) Under the supervision of the steering committee, a working group, chaired by the Inspector General of CIA with representatives of the other steering committee members, will be established to perform the following functions:

(a) Coordinate and provide guidance to the mechanisms specified in (2) above in developing their respective responses, and in preparing their contributions to the required integrated report.

(b) Obtaining any specific recommendations which the heads of the several intelligence agencies may wish to submit for inclusion in the required report.

(c) Drafting for consideration by the steering committee the required report to the White House, based upon the results of (a) and (b) above.

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11. Recent U-2 Aborts
Over Cuba

The Chairman informed the members of recent correspondence on the subject between the Secretary of Defense and the DCI. Mr. McCone indicated that in the event of future occurrences of this sort he would like to participate in discussions with the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff on this matter, in view of his responsibility as DCI regarding the acquisition of intelligence.

After a discussion concerning means of reducing interference with these flights, the Chairman requested the DIA member to follow closely developments in this regard.

Adjournment: 1245

✓ Executive Secretary

SECRETARY'S NOTES

1. Watch Committee Report
No. 669

It is noted for record purposes that the subject Watch Committee Report was approved by USIB on 19 June 1963.

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3. Automatic Data Processing
(USIB-S-13.1/4, 24 May 1963;
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On 23 June 1963 USIB approved the joint USIB Committee on Documentation (CODIB) and SIGINT Committee recommendations contained in paragraphs 2.b., 3.b., and 4.b. of the inclosure to subject document.

As of 23 June 1963 all USIB members had concurred in the amplification of subject paper as proposed by the NIS Committee. A revision of the "Procedures" incorporating this new provision will be issued by the USIB Secretariat.

5. USIB-S-29.2/4, 12 March 1963
(Limited distribution through
special channels)

(Board action on this paper is carried in a Special Annex to these minutes.)

6. USIB-S-29.8/1, 27 May 1963
(Limited distribution through
special channels)

(USIB action on this matter is set forth in the Special Annex to these minutes.)

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